Import of Micro-electronic chip technology

570. SHRI R. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Telephone Industries (ITI), Bangalore has sought transfer of know-how of micro-electronic chip technology from an American company of california; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; the details of investment approved towards the project and also the details of amount that would be used towards imports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Indian Telephone Industries Limited (ITI) has entered into an agreement with M/s. VLSI and Arcus Technology Inc., California for transfer of technology for design and fabrication of Complementary Metal Oxide Semiconductor (CMOS) Application Specific Integrated Circuits (ASIC). The investment for the first phase of the project is Rs. 19,52.56 lakhs having foreign exchange component of Rs. 1378.79 lakhs (CIF). In this phase, the gate array process know-how will be transferred for manufacture of ASIC's from processed wafers.

Reorming of public sector management

571. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for bringing about reforms in the public sector management with a view to increasing efficiency;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof: and

(c) by when action is likely to be initiated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) Government is shortly bringing before Parliament a White Paper on Public Sector which will discuss various proposals for bringing about reforms in the public sector management with a view to increasing efficiency.

Power shortage in Delhi

572. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact there has been an acute shortage of power in Delhi during the past few months;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that DESU has been sending SOS to his Ministry for allocation of more hydroelectric power to Delhi in order to ease the crisis in Delhi; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken by his Ministry on the request of DESU?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) The power supply position in Delhi has been by and large satisfactory. Shortages which have been marginal, have been mainly on account of unforeseen outages of some of the generating units and constraints of the transmission system especially on account of heavy agricultural pumping load due to the drought conditions.

(c) and (d) The Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking has asked for additional power from the Bhakra Beas Management Board. The power requirements of Delhi are being met from the Northern Region including the Bhakra Beas Management Board System. During 1987-88, an assistance of 1734 million units was